

# MICHAELMAN

"No matter how conscientiously the publisher and his associates perform their work, they can do only half the job. Readers must do the rest. The fountain serves no useful purpose if the horse refuses to drink."

—Arthur Hays Sulzberger,  
Publisher, New York Times  
(1935-1961)

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Photo by David Walsh

A vessel from the Rubber Armada sets sail down Madonna. Approximately 900 students took part in Winter Weekend festivities at Smuggler's Notch.

## Bunker picked to talk in May

by Robert P. Borquez  
News Editor

Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker, chief U.S. negotiator for the new Panama Canal treaties, has accepted an invitation to be commencement speaker at St. Michael's College May 28.

Bunker, who turns 84 in May, has been successful in two areas, business and international diplomacy.

The ambassador's business career began in 1927, when he was named a director of the National Sugar Refining Company. He was selected president of this company 13 years later and chairman of the board in 1949.

He has also served as president and chairman of the board of the Potrero Sugar Company of Mexico.

In addition, Bunker has served on the boards of a steamship company, a bank, a publishing firm, and a baking company.

In 1951, Bunker moved his talents into diplomacy. In that year, President Harry Truman appointed him ambassador to

Argentina. The following year, he became ambassador to Italy, and in 1956, to India.

In 1962, Bunker helped mediate an agreement between Indonesia and the Netherlands involving West New Guinea. The following year, he aided in the conclusion of a disengagement accord between Saudi Arabia and Egypt in the Yemen civil war.

The ambassador became involved in Latin America in 1964, when he was appointed U.S. Representative to the Organization of American States by President Lyndon Johnson.

Also in that year, he assisted in the resolution of a dispute between the United States and Panama over American control of the canal. Bunker was involved in solving the Dominican crisis in 1965-66 as well.

For six years (1967-1973), Bunker was the U.S. ambassador to South Vietnam. Following his departure from Saigon, President Richard Nixon named him ambassador at-large.

## Whitney discusses housing, room draw in April

by Mary Clare Casey

Students beware. As room draw approaches don't be deceived by rumors concerning what housing will or will not be available for next year.

According to Assistant Director of Students Lewis M. Whitney, the four Ethan Allen buildings located on the corner of Ethan Allen Drive and Route 15 will be re-named the St. Michael's north campus apartments and will house only students.

Three of the apartments will be assigned to the International Student Program and of the 13 left six have been assigned to female students and seven to male students.

Each building has four apartments and each apartment has a bathroom, living room and two bedrooms. This also includes: a sofa, two chairs, two lamps, two end tables, stove, refrigerator, beds, dressers and

a rug.

It will cost a student \$725 a year to live in an apartment, \$75 more than what a double room rate is.

"I don't think it is fair that students living in the dorm should have to pay the same as those who want preferred living," Whitney said.

A new residence hall, which will be built next to Nicolle Hall, will house 48 students. There are 12 apartments, seven of which will be assigned to male students and five to female.

Each apartment has a bathroom, living room, kitchenette, and four single bedrooms. They will be furnished the same as the Ethan Allen houses.

Those students who sign up for the new dorms will do so on a contingency plan, Whitney said. If the dorms are not completed by Sept. 1978, then the

college will provide students with temporary housing until the dorms are finished.

The cost of the apartments will be \$750 a year, \$100 more than a double room rate. Whitney also added that one person will not be able to sign up for the other three. This applies to the Ethan Allen houses as well.

Other housing includes St. Edmund's Hall and Senior Hall, both of which are democratic houses. Students wishing to sign up for these dorms must meet in advance with the house government.

Members of St. Michael's Fire and Rescue Squad who wish to live at 90 or 92 College Parkway, must sign up with Donald R. Sutton.

The Center for Christian Living will consist of two houses, one for men and one for women. A student governing board will be responsible for

implementing house policy and house activities.

There will also be a Language House for those women who speak either Spanish or French, are willing to make a commitment to speak the language as much as possible in the house and are willing to take part in language-oriented activities sponsored by the house or Language Club.

Whitney added that the international students will remain in Joyce and Ryan Hall. He added, "This has worked out extremely well and we have had nothing but good comments."

Whitney said students will be receiving information soon concerning the "room draw" which has been scheduled for the week of April 10-13.

The schedule is:

Monday, April 10 (Ross Sports Center) from 9 a.m.-noon and 1 p.m.-4 p.m.,

members of class of '79, '80, '81 who wish to live in their present room.

Tuesday, April 11 (Ross Sports Center), 9 a.m.-noon, displaced students of the class of 1979. From 1 p.m.-4 p.m., members of class of 1979 who wish to change their room or sign up for off-campus list.

Wednesday, April 12 (Ross Sports Center), 9 a.m.-noon, class of 1980 (displaced students). From 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Students of class of 1980 who wish to change their room or sign up on the off-campus list.

Thursday, April 13 (Ross Sports Center), 9 a.m.-noon. Class of 1981 (displaced) 1 p.m.-4 p.m. 1981 who wish to change rooms or sign up on the off-campus list.

Friday, April 14 (Housing office, Jemery 129), 9 a.m.-noon. All students who have paid \$100 and still need room or roommates.



# On campus

**FRIDAY, MARCH 17 — ST. PATRICK'S DAY**  
Last day for withdrawing from courses without penalty.  
Freshmen register for concentration/required courses.  
4 p.m., Mass in honor of St. Patrick, chapel.  
7 p.m., Coffeehouse, Alliot lobby.  
7:30 p.m., MS 40-hour dance marathon begins, Ross Sports Center.  
8:30 p.m.-1 a.m., St. Patrick's Day party including bagpipes and an Irish sing-along, Alliot cafeteria.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18**  
MS dance marathon continues, Ross Sports Center.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19**  
Palm Sunday  
9 p.m., MS dance marathon ends, Ross Sports Center.

**MONDAY, MARCH 20 — FIRST DAY OF SPRING**  
Freshmen register for concentration/required courses.  
4 p.m., Informational meeting for students interested in living in Iota-Sigma, the Christian Living Center, Alliot 107.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 21**  
Freshmen register for concentration/required courses.  
No student senate meeting.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22**  
Easter vacation begins after last class.  
8 p.m., All dorms close for vacation, will reopen noon April 1.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23**  
Vacation!

# News briefs

The Onion River Review is now accepting poems, short pieces of fiction, art work and photography for its spring publication. Deadline is April 12. Poems and manuscripts cannot be returned. (Persons submitting art work will be contacted personally.) Inquiries should be directed to box 276.

Health administration will be the subject of the health career information program at UVM Wednesday from 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m., the Center for Cultural Pluralism, Redstone campus.

March 17 is the last day for withdrawing from a course without penalty.

Persons wanting back issues of the **Michaelman** from this academic year should stop by the **Michaelman** office, 210 Alliot, to pick them up. Extra papers will be discarded after March 19.

# Borquez, Monette fill Michaelman positions

Robert P. Borquez has been selected as executive editor and Gerard R. Monette as business manager of the **Michaelman** effective April 1.

Borquez has been a staff writer on the paper since 1976 and news editor since 1977. During this time, he has covered such things as college administrators, campus crimes and student government.

He is a junior political concentrator from Milford, CT.

Monette is a sophomore business concentrator. He has had some sales experience, requiring that he deal with a variety of persons in different situations. Monette is from Newport, VT.

Borquez will succeed Lucinda A. von Beren while Monette replaces Morgan Leonard.

Both were selected by the **Michaelman's** Board of Publications, consisting of Giff

Hart, public relations; Jack Scully, representing the alumni office; Chris Whalen, student senate appointee; Richard A. Raquier, **Michaelman** faculty advisor; von Beren; and Leonard.

Other editorial positions will be filled by April 1 when all selected persons assume their positions.

**Towing rebates**

Persons whose cars were towed off city streets while the \$25 towing fee was in effect can apply for rebates beginning today in the treasurer's office, Burlington City Hall.

# Classified

LOST: Calligraphy pen (Omnicon) March 9, near Sloane or Ross Sports Center. Pen is in its own black and white box, with attachable tips. If found, contact Paul Galbraith, box 58 or call 879-0587.

# SA hears about housing

by Brian Anders

Lewis Whitney, director of residence halls, presented the senate with a draft proposal of the procedures for room draw.

Whitney, who drew up the plan last year which resulted in a near boycott, said the plan is basically the same.

Room draw will take place April 10 through 13, Whitney said, in the west end of the Ross Sports Center. The daily schedule is the same, with students who are staying in their current rooms going in April 10.

First preference will go to students who are getting relocated due to changes in the housing situation.

Next year, the college will retain only two houses on Dalton Drive, 503 and 409. Also, 162 College Parkway, which currently houses St. Michael's

students, is being sold and will not be used next year.

The two sections students wanted to hear about most were the ones pertaining to the north campus apartments and the new dormitory.

There are 16 apartments in the north campus complex.

Whitney said the rooms will be furnished and students who wish to will be able to receive a ten-meal plan from Saga, although the savings might not be substantial. It will cost \$725 a year for a student to live there.

Whitney said he has been told the new dorm, to be built in the field by Nicolle Hall, should be ready by Sept. 1978. There is room in this dorm for 48 students, in 12 apartments.

These will be furnished the same as the north campus ones, and students have the

same meal plan option. It will cost \$750 a year to get a room.

The difference in the setup of these facilities is in the division of the apartments between males and females. Of the 16 north campus apartments, three are set aside for international students, seven for male students and six for females.

The new dorm is divided into seven male and six female apartments.

The reason for this, Whitney said, is because the incoming freshman class could be 50-50 male to female. He said it is possible this ratio could go as high as 60-40, female to male.

Because there are more women coming to St. Michael's, shortly before room draw the college will probably announce that one of the dorms at north campus will be given to women's residence.

In other business, Donna Tyrrell announced the progress of the letter sent to the Curriculum Committee. It reviewed the request to apply the higher grade point averages to the incoming freshmen, but were deadlocked when the vote came. The committee sent it to the entire faculty to decide.

Gene Cullen and the entire Social Committee were commended for the work that made Winter Weekend the success it was. Cullen was not at the meeting to give a report, but will report at the next senate meeting in April.

Vice president Brian Rooke also announced that April 7 is the deadline for students who wish to apply for committee chairmanships, or any other open posts controlled by Personnel and Nominations. Applications should be given either to him or Tom Keenan.

# SA upholds vote by 25-15 margin

by Brian Anders and Ruth Lethbridge

S.A. President David Marchi, acting on the recommendation of the senate Election Investigation Committee, declined to call for a special election at an emergency senate meeting March 9.

The recommendations of the committee, which was chaired by Peter Noonan, were accepted by the senate by a vote of 25-15, with ten abstentions.

Noonan read the committee report and listed its recommendations to a) let the results of the Feb. 21 election stand and b) to overhaul and redefine the entire election procedure.

He said, "The committee decided there were irregularities as well as procedural deficiencies." The main issue before the committee was to decide the extent of these irregularities, and what effect, if any, they had on the outcome of the election.

The only physical evidence the committee had was a letter from one student stating that his name had not been checked off the voting list, leaving the possibility for him to vote twice.

There were five students who were asked to testify before the committee, behind closed doors. These included the students who had worked in the voting booth and students who had complained to Director of Student Life Michael Samara about the election procedures.

According to Noonan, "It was proven that there was a possibility of a person voting twice, there was no lock on the ballot box, and with the crowds . . . near the voting area there was some confusion and consequently some mishandling of the ballots."

However, it was found that of the five persons who knew of one person voting twice,

four of these people were talking about the same person. Noonan said they had no proof that a student had actually voted twice and they were left with "an abundance of hearsay evidence."

He continued, "The lack of proven discrepancies seemed to make it appear that a re-election was unnecessary." The majority of the committee, on a seven to five vote, supported this stand.

Noonan said the closeness of the vote was due to a breach of the S.A. constitution which the committee discovered during its discussion.

According to the constitution, all S.A. elections must be run in accordance with Vermont state law. This would mean the names of students running for offices would have to be posted by 30 days before the vote.

The committee decided that compliance with these statutes in an S.A. election was virtually impossible. This would mean, if obeyed, that every election run at St. Michael's would be illegal.

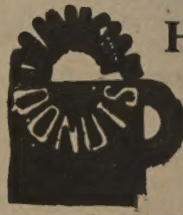
Noonan said, "The problem of breaking our own constitution by not acting in accordance with Vermont state statutes seemed to call for a re-election."

The floor was opened to questions after the report and Michael Casey read a brief statement. He said, "We have all learned a lesson and realize (continued on page 7)"

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# Dobson seeks protection for endangered species

by Tom Liptak

"Can we stop a developer from putting up a shopping center if he's going to endanger Vermont's environment?" This was a question put forth by Dr. Frederick Dobson, assistant professor in the St. Michael's College-Biology Department.

Dobson, recently appointed to the Vermont Endangered Species Committee, said, "There is an endangered species list on the books now but it is hopelessly out of date."

As a member of the committee, Dobson hopes to help formulate legislation that would effectively punish persons who do serious harm to the Vermont environment.

"We need a law with some teeth in it to protect Vermont's endangered species, both flora and fauna," Dobson added.

The present law concerning the protection of endangered plant and animal species is, according to Dobson, difficult to enforce. The law provides for a maximum \$1,000 fine but it is very difficult to catch an offender.

Most persons would not even know an endangered type of plant or animal if they were to see one.

The first step, Dobson said, is the revision of the endangered species list.

"Many of the species presently on the list do not even occur in the state of Vermont," Dobson said.

The committee will attempt

to formulate a study as to which species to declare "endangered" due to a scarcity of a developed plant or animal.

"Do you place something on the list which is threatened in Vermont but is bountiful in other Northeastern states?" Dobson questioned.

He then said, "In behalf of

future Vermonters, it makes sense to put any endangered species on the list even if it could be flourishing in other areas."

Dobson received his Ph.D. in Botany from the University of Connecticut and has been with the Biology Department since 1976.

## Post Office move being considered

by Bill O'Keefe

St. Michael's College Space Committee is now in the planning stage for possible relocation of the post office into the basement of Ryan Hall.

Space Committee Chairman Don Larson said, "By moving the post office into the Ryan we would create needed classroom space in Jemery."

Larson also noted that the congestion in the Jemery area, because of the parking problem, would lighten if the post office were moved into the quad.

"If the post office were to be moved, the boxes would be open practically 24 hours a day, which would be a great advantage to students who couldn't get to the box during the day," Larson explained.

Larson pointed out that the cost of the move would be minimal because the work

could be done by St. Michael's workers.

The Space Committee is also proposing the relocation of the administrative services into the basement of Alumni Hall.

When asked about conflict with students by allocating Alumni basement, Larson said, "What we have here is a problem of utilization; is it worth it to keep the space empty for the few times students use the basement?"

David J. Marchi, S.A. president, opposes the move into Alumni. "There just isn't enough places on campus for students to have small-sized parties. If Alumni goes that leaves Joyce basement and Klein, because the north campus gym is just too big."

Larson expects a formal proposal to be submitted to President Edward L. Henry in about three weeks.

# Three given tenure; complete probation

by George Cordes

Tenure, often a controversial issue in schools throughout the country, is a relatively tame subject at St. Michael's College.

This honor has recently been granted to three St. Michael's professors — Dr. Arthur Hessler, Dr. Elwyn Kernstock and Dr. William Wilson. All three have completed their probationary periods and have met with the approval of their peers as well as the administration, according to Vice President for Academic Affairs Vernon Gallagher.

Tenure involves little more than acknowledgement by the school of a professor's dedicated, innovative and beneficial service to the educational quality of the institution.

The title provides for security from dismissal in reasonable instances and a more prestigious rank within the faculty. It does not include any increase in salary.

Two of the tenured professors, Wilson and Kernstock, are with the Political Science Department. Hessler teaches in the Biology Department.

Wilson, chairman and associate professor of his department, spent four and a half years in the Air Force and graduated from the Academy. He received his masters degree from Columbia University and a masters in Law and Diplomacy from Tufts University in 1969.

Wilson has taught at Framingham State College in Massachusetts and has held offices with the Vermont World Affairs Council and as U.N. Day Chairman for the state of Vermont.

Hessler is an associate professor in the Biology Department and specializes in animal development and physiology. He received his B.S. from the University of Wisconsin, his M.S. from the University of Eastern Michigan and his Ph.D. from the University of Vermont.

Kernstock served in the Army for 21 years and through two wars. He obtained most of his schooling through the service and retired to complete his education at the University of Connecticut.

There he earned a degree in social science and taught high school social studies in Conn-

ecticut. He was tenured as head of his department in a college in Woodstock, CT before coming to St. Michael's.

Tenure was established during the early twentieth century in response to the need for academic freedom. The American Association of University Professors, in 1940, established a set of guidelines on tenure that has been adopted by practically every college in the United States.

In recent years, the issue has provided hot controversy as to the competency of many tenured individuals. Tenure also tends to create a "faculty block," thus preventing, in more serious cases, the influx of new blood to the teaching staff.

On the St. Michael's campus, the number of tenured individuals at present constitutes more than 65 percent of the entire faculty. This amount, according to Gallagher, is safely within reasonable limits of faculty circulation.

The final accreditation of professors by tenure proceeds in three steps. After a seven-year probationary period, the

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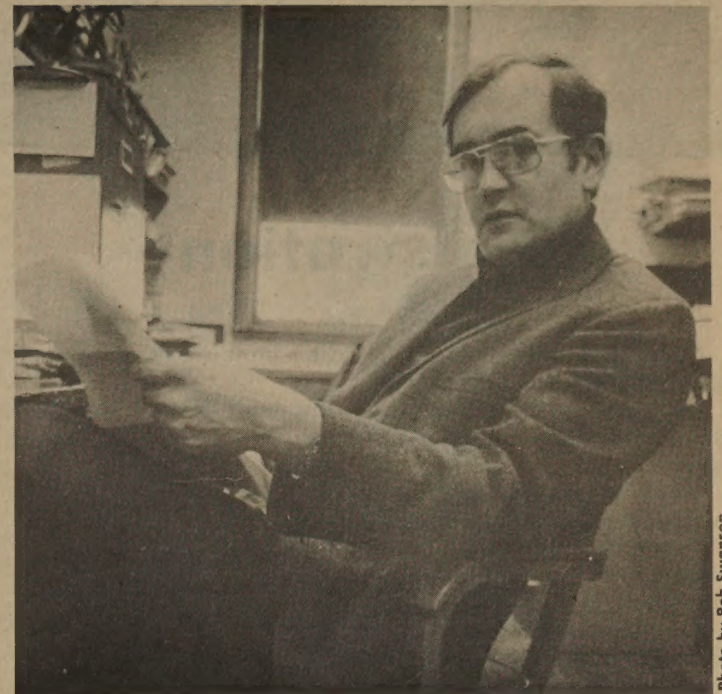


Photo by Rob Swanson

Dr. Frederick Dobson at work.

## Most instructors expected to stay

by Debi Ferguson

Faculty contracts, which were sent out Feb. 28, are expected to be signed and returned by April 1.

According to Vernon F. Gallagher, vice president for academic affairs, apart from administration-approved absences, most staff members are expected to return in September.

Among those not scheduled to return are three professors who have been granted sabbaticals.

Warren G. Sparks of the mathematics department will be taking courses in linear algebra at Boston University.

Dr. Richard DiLorenzo of the biology department will be working in the field of fish nutrition at Columbia University.

Dr. John Reiss of the English department plans to do further research in English literature.

Two others were granted leaves-of-absence. William O. Anderson of the business department will be working toward his doctorate and Lance C. Richbourg of the fine arts department will be in New York in order to work more directly within the art field.

There is only one contract which was not sent out for renewal, according to Gallagher, who declined to identify the faculty member.

Upon notification of non-renewal Dec. 15, President Edward L. Henry made the decision to keep the position in existence and began the hiring process.

The opening was advertised and all applications were submitted to a search committee which is now in the process of making recommendations to Gallagher.

Once Gallagher has made his recommendations to the president, the two will discuss the chosen applicants and make the final decision.

No new full-time faculty positions are expected to be created in the foreseeable future.

Part-time appointments are difficult to determine because the shift in student interest is so unpredictable.

The fine arts, business and journalism departments will more than likely require part-time teachers, but the department chairmen, who are responsible for making the choices, will not be given the go ahead to hire until six weeks after pre-registration.

Presently, there are two professors who have sought recommendations from Gallagher in their pursuit of offers from other institutions. But neither faculty member has decided whether or not to return to St. Michael's.

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# Editorial

## Registration

Once again, a new registration system has been thrust upon the students of St. Michael's College.

This year, instead of picking up class cards from the registrar's office, a student must hunt down department chairmen for the cards.

While this appears simple, students have often been lead on wild goose chases looking for particular faculty members.

By the time such faculty members are found, a course may be closed. With the new method, a course is closed when a faculty member runs out of cards; they are not able to sign in students.

Currently, students are registering for concentration and required courses which is somewhat easier because most take more than one course in their major during an academic year. Thus, several cards can be obtained at once.

But, when students begin trying to register for electives, the situation will only worsen.

—CVB

To the editor,

It appears that the administration and trustees of St. Michael's College are more concerned with attracting a high-quality student body than with maintaining one.

In the interest of attracting a greater number of academically excellent students, merit scholarships are awarded to incoming freshmen who display a high potential for success at the college. I laud this as a most effective method of attracting good students, but what of the students who do not receive such a scholarship, yet excel in their studies once here?

I know a freshman woman who achieved a high average the first semester who will not be able to return next year because of a lack of financial resources. She does not qualify for a "need" grant and since there exist no opportunities for upperclassmen academic scholarships, she will have to transfer to a less expensive institution, even though she desires to remain here.

Ironically, a number of students who obviously expend

minimal effort in and contribute very little to their classes will remain, merely because their parents are "good contributors."

I am afraid I cannot see much good in financially supporting an institution of higher education that does not fully attempt to fulfill its goal of providing the highest quality education possible, which can only be attained with the largest possible number of dedicated students.

The academic scholarship program must be expanded or we, as a college community, will lose a number of talented students in the same manner that we are going to lose the aforementioned student. Partial grants would be adequate and would provide an additional incentive for the hard-working student. There seems to be little hesitation to dole out full basketball scholarships, which leads me to wonder whether the college seeks to provide an opportunity for intellectual and personal growth, or a place to sharpen ball-handling skills.

Jeff Good

## Letters to the editor

To the editor,

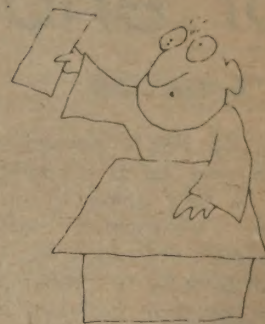
I recently read a **Michaelman** article about the 516 business students at St. Michael's. In the article it was stated that I had secured a position at Gimbel's, New York. I would like to clarify that I was not a business major, rather I was a very happy sociology major. Currently I work in employee communications where I assist in the production of videotapes, editing

of the company newspaper, and preparation of training manuals.

All of which goes to show that you needn't be a business major to get a job. No major buys a job; first you must sell yourself!

Sincerely,

Carol M. Tichenor  
P.S.—I'm also a member of the class of '78 — I completed my requirements in December.



## Liberal arts skills

To the editor:

This letter is prompted by your story in the March 3 issue written by Maryanne Bavaro on "516 Students Major in Business Studies." The article carried a conversation with Prof. Higgins which cited 1977 graduate, Carol Tichenor, as the only example of a recent student who had secured an excellent job upon leaving St. Michael's. Somehow the report left the erroneous impression that Miss Tichenor was a business concentrator. In point of fact, Carol Tichenor was a sociology major who took only two courses in the business department. I bring this to your attention in order to help correct a widely held false assumption — succinctly articulated by Janet Williamson in the same story — that only business majors emerge from St. Michael's as marketable graduates. The track record of graduates from other departments — including, yes, Janet, even history — reveal an altogether different story. In part, the reason is that it is the college degree per se which is most critical in opening the doors of employment opportunity. Indeed, concentrations are far more important with reference to vocational goals for those students going on to graduate school than for those headed directly into the job market. Therefore, beware of those false prophets who declare that liberal arts majors are not likely to fare well in the job market.

However, your story does provide an opportunity for me to make another point which I think needs to be factored into student deliberations. The crucial criterion for vocational achievement is not your undergraduate major, nor whether you have attained high grades, but whether you have acquired the necessary skills to perform on the job so as to justify career advancement. Carol Tichenor, for example, did not secure an excellent job simply because she was a sociology major (which she was), or simply because she had high grades (which she did). Rather, her marketability was predicated on the fact that she was a disciplined student who had acquired such skills as learning how to read with considerable comprehension, learning how to write with grammatical accuracy, and learning how to think with clarity and precision. Indeed, these are the vocationally relevant skills which employers desperately search for and cannot teach prospective employees themselves.

In light of this stubborn fact, I do not believe it is accurate to describe the current college population generally as vocationally oriented — a judgment which some might label cynical, but sociological realism is frequently mistaken for cynicism. Matriculants in search of educational certification along with high grades in what they take to be attractive concentrations on the job market, and all in lieu of attaining college level skills in the areas cited above, do not make vocationally oriented students. Or to put the issue another way, if contemporary students really were vocationally oriented, then we would undoubtedly witness a spontaneous uprising among this group to present a succession of non-negotiable demands that would include the following items: a demand for more classroom reading assignments so that students could develop their critical reading skills, a demand for more term papers so that writing talents could be cultivated, a demand for more intellectually rigorous courses so that the ability to think might be nurtured, a demand for less noise in the dorms so that study once again becomes possible within these quarters, a demand for quiet in the library so that the building may be returned to its proper use, a demand that less partying go on since this activity siphons off so much student energy from academic skill development, and a demand for reordering status priorities so that scholars are rewarded in place of swillers, studs, and heads. In all of this, I assure you, the faculty would be more than willing to lend their support.

However, until such changes as those listed here engage the support of a significant portion of the student population, then it would be grossly misleading to talk about the vocational orientation of our students. Neither one's major nor one's grades will be an adequate substitute for sound knowledge and finely-honed skills in the marketplace. No doubt, some students will take exception to these observations and perhaps some will evidence a bit of anger. This does not worry me so much as does another scenario. I fear that five years from now our present students will return bitter and frustrated because they placed their faith in false idols, because they wasted their time here trying to "beat the system" by taking easy courses which did not tax their mental energies or

sharpen their skills, but left them plenty of time to contribute to the school's image as an institution of unlimited "partyng." When it happens that the realization dawns on how this opportunity of utmost vocational importance was squandered in favor of immediate pleasure, I hope many of you will also recall that there were those among the faculty, administration, and even among your student peers who tried to sound a warning. Not only did Prof. Amrhein speak admirably for the faculty when he asserted, "I still feel that the important part of going to college is to train the mind to think," but he also spoke for future employers as well. Failure to acquire the necessary skills now will not mean that those skills will be unimportant for your career later on; it will simply mean the jobs will go to those who did acquire them. Employers know as readily as anyone else that it is possible today to buy a college diploma without learning much in the process and that grade inflation is directly related to the wholesale decline in cognitive and communication skills. Hence, the concern of employers is firmly focused on performance, and no one can fake for very long the ability to read and write and think.

I hope, therefore, that students will reassess the manner by which they are pursuing their college careers. The somber scenario sketched above can, of course, yet be averted. As the revivalists used to say, "There's still time, brother."

Sincerely,

William R. Garrett  
Associate Professor of  
Sociology

To the editor,

I would like to congratulate the S.A., especially the executive board, Gene Cullen and his Social Committee for a fabulous Winter Weekend!

It was one of the most enjoyable activities I have participated in at SMC. I would hope that this idea will continue for several years and possibly become a tradition.

I believe those individuals who worked in planning Winter Weekend should be commended for such an excellent event!

Sincerely,

Melanie Demarais

## The Michaelman

All letters to the editor must be signed, although names will be withheld in certain instances after consultation with the editor. Campus or off-campus address and phone number must accompany each letter. The editor reserves the right to edit or omit any letter for the sake of space or clarity. While all letters may not be published, the newspaper will make an effort to publish those reflecting a diversity of opinion.

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# House O.K.'s reefer bill; emotional vote is 90-53

by Julie Steele

Support for decriminalizing possession of small amounts of marijuana came from both young and old legislators in the Vermont House of Representatives which voted 90-53 in favor of the bill March 9.

During an emotional two-day debate, supporters stressed that decriminalization does not mean the same as legalization. They pointed out that the bill merely makes the penalties more realistic.

One of the younger supporters, Thomas Bonnett, D-Thetford, said, "It is entirely inconsistent to impose a penalty as severe as we have now."

Possession of marijuana is presently a felony offense. The possession of one ounce of marijuana could result in up to a three-year jail sentence and a \$3,000 fine.

Those supporting the bill contend persons should not be denied jobs or face other social punishment because of a minor marijuana offense.

This bill will eliminate jail terms and criminal records for persons convicted of possessing less than one ounce of marijuana.

Supporters, justifying their belief that decriminalization

would not benefit pushers, stressed that sale to minors could still result in up to a five-year jail sentence and a \$25,000 fine. Sale to adults could mean up to a \$5,000 fine and a five-year jail sentence.

Rep. Randall Niquette, D-Winooski, is happy with the results of the vote and said, "The House, in its wisdom, has exercised its good common sense."

Last summer members of the House began discussing the Pot Bill. The possibility of it being passed started to become a reality as the majority of the House began to support the bill.

The House Judiciary Committee approved a bill decriminalizing the possession of small amounts of marijuana March 1.

Later that week an amendment calling for mandatory dismissal of teachers and suspension of students found possessing alcohol or regulated drugs on school grounds was proposed by Judiciary Chairman Chester Ketcham. This amendment was defeated by an eight to three vote.

As a compromise, the House accepted the amendment proposed by Rep. Judith Stephany, D-Burlington, requiring school districts to adopt their own drug

policies.

With the deadline for action rapidly approaching, members of the House opposing the bill made last-minute emotionally-charged appeals to kill the bill.

It has been passed on to the Senate where committees are currently working on the legislation. Niquette predicts the bill will be passed there also.

If the Senate approves the bill, it will be sent to the governor for his signature.

Niquette said by the end of the month the public should know if the bill passes and if the penalties are mitigated.

FRANKLY SPEAKING...by phil frank



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## Symposium will focus on women in society

by Kathy Martin

The position held by women in society will be the topic of a national symposium entitled: Women and Society, Past, Present and Future, to be held in March, 1979 at St. Michael's College.

The symposium will concern the issue of women in such areas as literature, history, political science, business and the performing arts.

To involve more than a

discussion and debate of women's rights, the two and one-half day meeting will include issues of thoughtful and serious content, such as the development and cause of women's achievements.

Dr. Marie Henault, a member of the steering committee for the symposium, said, "It will be a good thing to have in New England, because there has never been one in this area."

Other members of the committee are Drs. Anne McConnell and William Wilson. Drs. Ellen Cannon and Carey Kaplan are also instrumental members of the committee. Serving as resource persons are Giff Hart, Dan Vecchitto and Gay Butts. Dr. Henault said a large turnout is expected. "Over 10,000 flyers are being sent out all over the country this week and that should let people know what's going on."

Two hundred fifty discussion leaders are expected to attend as leaders of the 60 panels, with 500 to 600 participants expected in all.

Abstracts of papers written by anyone interested in women's issues have been called for, and if selected, will be published by the college. Interest has already been indicated from as far away as California. The deadline for these papers is June 15, 1978.

Henault said it is hoped the symposium will "get people

together to discuss women's issues."

As a professor in literature at SMC, she believes women have progressed in literature in that "more and more women are being published. There is a much more sympathetic and intelligent readership and women are also free to talk on more subjects and are not limited to novels."

Selected women of achievement in society will serve as keynote speakers at the symposium.

Women in politics such as Congresswoman Barbara Jordan are being considered. With Andrew Young, Jordan was the first black person elected to Congress from the south in the 20th century.

Coretta Scott King, widow of civil rights leader Martin Luther King and a lecturer, writer and concert singer, is also being considered.

Margaret Mead, distinguished anthropologist and writer is well known throughout the country and is on the list of women of achievement being considered.

Joan Adams Mondale, wife of Vice President Walter Mondale, is an author and is active in political and civic affairs in and around Washington. As a keynote speaker for the symposium, she is being carefully considered.

The Women's Symposium office is located in 215 Jemery.

## Tenure

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professor's department chairman and colleagues evaluate his performance and send the results to the Faculty Council.

The six-member council, if deciding favorably, sends its recommendation to the academic dean. The dean refers the professor's file to President Edward L. Henry, who actually makes the final decision.

If, after a seven-year period, a professor is not tenured, this does not mean that he is dismissed. He is placed upon another probationary period and tenure is considered again at a later date.

## Local youths need help

Robert is a 13-year-old boy from a deprived family. He has expressed an extreme desire for a big brother and has been very assertive in this request.

He lacks attention from his parents and needs someone who can treat him as a special person. Robert loves outdoor sports. He is an average student and would like some help with his schoolwork. He is a little, tough guy who just wants someone to care for him.

Those interested in helping Robert and others like him should come to the Student Resource Center, Klein, ext. 2270.

## Fear and loathing in Montpelier

By Michael J. Donahue

Erin Go Braughless! Happy St. Patty's Day to all Michael-people!

The story of St. Patrick is a very interesting one. As you all know, St. Patrick is the patron saint of the Emerald Isle. It was he that brought Christianity to Ireland. It was also he who invented whiskey (to St. Patrick and John Jameson I am eternally indebted).

I'm not sure if all of you know what a master politician St. Patrick was. Ireland, at the time St. Patrick returned there, was much like the Ireland of today — divided.

Many kings ruled over that beautiful little island. There's a story that one of the kings ordered that no fire was to burn at some special time. (Don't quote me; I know the story vaguely. What I'm not sure of I'll fill in with blarney.)

Anyway, it seems that good old St. Pat didn't give a tinker's cuss about that and he had himself a conflagration going. He, of course, was called on the carpet. It was at this time that St. Patrick showed the king the shamrock as an example of the Trinity.

This is the famous example of the Trinity which explains it best in material terms.

That story also exemplifies Patrick's skill as a secular politician and explains his success in turning a pagan country Christian. Every cowboy knows that if you are going to change a herd's direction during a stampede you have to go to the lead bull. It only makes sense.

That is what St. Patrick, in effect, did. Patrick didn't waste time on the populace, trying to convert every single, stubborn Irishman. No, he went after the kings. When the king was converted, everybody else in the kingdom, by necessity, converted too.

The irony about St. Patrick was that he wasn't even from Ireland. I have read that he was from Italy. (Don't say you heard it here.) He was sold into slavery and served in Ireland. He left, but vowed to return. He did. When he landed they knew about it.

It's amazing how much influence a foreigner can have on the tiny island of Ireland. But is it, really?

Consider the influence of a foreign Pope with a papal bull in 1154. Consider the influence of one of the King's Black and Tan guard as he defiled Ireland in his assigned search for brothers of the IRA. Consider the influence of a Cromwell or for that matter any of the rulers of England for the past 700 years as they have perpetuated one of the grossest injustices known to civilized man.

While sitting here with a green beer, celebrating St. Patrick and his day, remember the Irish who have died in the name of freedom. Wear orange if you're so inclined.

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Col. Noel E. Wilson Jr., executive to the commander at Plattsburgh Air Force Base, was the guest speaker at AFROTC Dining-out Monday night. Col. Wilson spoke on leadership which he called "fellowship." Following the speech and dinner, Michael Bean, Michael Davis, Diane Kleber, and Lynn Swift were inducted as Arnold Air Society members.

## Walters attempts to bridge campus-outside world gap

by Mary Menke

Woodrow Wilson Fellow Bob Walters has been speaking at St. Michael's this past week trying to "bridge the gap between the campus world and the outside world."

Giving students a feel for the outside world is the purpose of the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Foundation which sends professionals in their respective fields to various colleges to speak.

Walters is a syndicated columnist for the Newspaper Enterprise Association. His column is published three times a week in 750 dailies.

Walters lectures at about two colleges a year and is paid "a modest amount plus expenses," he said.

At St. Michael's, Walters has been to different classes speaking on journalism, politics, business and government.

St. Michael's is very similar to other colleges I've been to," Walters said.

The foundation makes a

point of selecting only small privately endowed colleges, Walters said.

For speakers, the foundation chooses one-third journalists, one-third businessmen and the other third is made up of government officials and persons from environmental organizations.

The speaker must make a commitment to spend at least a week on the campus of the college he or she is sent to. This is so the students can get to know the fellow on a more personal basis.

Walters said he was impressed with the students and that he had "lively discussions," in some classes.

"I had a good session with the senior business students," Walters said.

Walters said in all of the colleges he's been to there has been some apathy.

"At every one of the approximately ten schools I've been to in this program I find a significant number of students

with an 'I dare you to inspire me' look on their faces and they refuse to get interested."

## Intern program offers class credit with work

The SMC Student Resource Center provides a variety of student-service programs. Among them is the independent fieldwork and internships program.

This program provides many opportunities for students to participate in off-campus learning situations. It differs from the volunteer programs in that academic credit can be earned.

It aims to assist students in their total education by combining personal growth, academic excellence and career orientation.

Fred Schneider, career orientation coordinator at the center,

## Angel Flight free from ROTC ties

by George Cordes

Angel Flight, a campus organization commonly affiliated with R.O.T.C., actually has no direct ties with the program, according to member Linda Kneen.

The organization is a national one with branches on numerous campuses throughout the country. Although it is not a fraternity, Kneen said, the members of every branch are always either all male or all female, depending on the school.

At St. Michael's, there are 10 members, all women.

According to Kneen, a senior and R.O.T.C. cadet, two factors have caused students to believe that Angel Flight is sponsored by R.O.T.C.

First, most of the members in the past have been cadets, and second, the organization has raised funds to help the R.O.T.C. program.

The organization, in actuality, is a volunteer service organization that travels to area institutes such as the Green Mountain Nursing Home and helps patients handle their problems.

During a recent tour, the troupe went to the nursing home and held a party and singalong with the patients.

Although not a sorority, Angel Flight does practice initiation of members. The process involves interviews with potential members during a two-week period to determine whether they really wish to devote their time to the club.

The interviews constitute more of acquaintance periods, Kneen said, than initiations in the traditional sense, which can become dangerous. Such initiations are illegal on campus.

On the social side, the club does have parties and also takes trips for the enjoyment of the members. Each member pays her own way, even though the club is allowed funds from the college.

The organization has never asked for these funds, Kneen said.

Angel Flight is currently considering a membership drive because many involved now are leaving this year. In the past, such drives have included smokers and parties to draw interested students.

## 45 apply for R.A. positions

by Phyllis Grich

"Forty-five persons applied for positions as resident assistants," according to Lewis M. Whitney, director of residence halls and assistant director of student life.

The first step toward becoming a resident assistant is to file an application.

"The applicants attend group and individual interviews where they are judged by a team of four persons," Whitney said. "A team of eight persons screens out the applicants they feel are not qualified." The women and men are rank ordered.

The final decision is made by the student life office after finding out who among the current resident assistants will reapply. "The current R.A.'s

are screened, then we fill the remaining positions with new applicants," Whitney said.

"Next year's resident assistants will receive a salary of \$900, which is a \$50 increase from this year," according to Whitney.

"The head resident assistants will receive \$1500. Resident directors will be entitled to free

room and board, free graduate tuition and a stipend of \$1,700."

If the applicants have a preference of residence halls, they are able to state it on the application. "They will be placed after the room draw the third week in April," Whitney said.

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# Volunteers venture through the unknown

by John Dufresne

Welcome aboard Starship PSI, with James Mapes as the captain of a packed house at the McCarthy Arts Center Tuesday night. They soared through the unknown and then into hysterics.

But before the starship took off, Mapes hypnotized those in the crowd who were willing. "Relax," Mapes said, "Let yourself drift. Sleep."

In one experiment, many found their hands glued together. He also predicted the geometric shapes and colors on which the crowd had been concentrating.

The possible winner of "Campus Entertainer of the Year" used PSI, which he calls the power of the mind, or intra sensory perception, to bring the volunteers' imaginations to life.

Those hypnotized on stage were brought aboard "Starship PSI" for the purpose of exploring planets in outer space.

After being instructed to fasten their seatbelts, they were off to Venus. The explorers left the starship and visited the planet's surface in a bubble craft. Searching with their hands, the volunteers

seemed able to feel the bubble's surface.

The temperature on this planet climbed to 99 degrees. Shoes came off, shirtsleeves were rolled up and hands waved like fans.

The explorers returned to the starship and took off for Mars. Upon landing, they explored the dry and cold planet from within the bubble craft. Shoes went back on and shivers went through them. They boarded the starship and blasted off into space.

With a touch to their foreheads, they landed on the planet Titan. The planet's leader was a beautiful woman who hadn't seen a man in 2,000 years.

Through a translator, she and a volunteer who thought he was "Capt. James T. Kirk" learned how to kiss.

The Titan leader was told Earthlings held the key to happiness through the act of kissing.

"Kusha buka," instructed the translator. She responded by standing in front of Kirk. Further instructions led to "happiness."

In between planets, Mapes sprinkled a dust from planet Argon over those on stage, touched their foreheads and

said it was the best "stuff" they'd ever had. Their responses were the smiles and laughter which accompany being stoned or intoxicated.

Mapes pointed out that in order to be affected this way, one must have had these experiences before. He described these reactions as a placebo effect, or a blueprint of the imagination.

Mapes also turned the volunteers' noses into silly putty. Many proceeded to "mold" and spread their noses all over their faces.

Some in the audience were more receptive to hypnosis than others. Those who were receptive, upon hypnotic suggestion and signal from Mapes, found their seats burning hot and then became angry with the person sitting behind them.

Before ending the expedition into space, they ate their favorite imaginary ice cream in an ice cream licking contest.

Mapes brought those on stage back to their childhood. He situated them in a movie theater watching cartoons, a sad story, a horror movie and a love story. They reacted as eight year olds would, with laughter, tears, fear and with poor behavior.



Photo by Rob Swanson

Hypnotist James Mapes

## Thayer is teacher, friend to SMC foreign students

by Mary Ann McCauley

"The dirtiest word used today is boredom," said Alice Thayer.

Thayer is an assistant professor of English as a second language here at St. Michael's. She is presently teaching international students college writing, introduction to literature and a graduate course in intercultural communications.

Thayer plays a large role in the lives of St. Michael's fo-

other. I also learn all about the students' cultures, and I find it very rewarding," she said.

St. Michael's has been noted for its international program since 1954, which was the year Thayer started here. Students came here from all over the world and Thayer comes in contact with all of them.

She speaks Spanish, French, Japanese, and Arabic. Most students know how to speak English when they arrive.

If not involved with a project from St. Michael's, she is working with one of her many professional or community organizations.

Just recently she returned from a trip to Arizona and as president of the Vermont Council of World Affairs, she will soon be attending a conference in Washington, D.C.

In the past, Thayer has lived in Japan, visited Mexico, Central America, Europe, England, Ireland, Puerto Rico and is hoping to visit the Middle East.

Originally she went to school for fashion and design but found the field to be very superficial.

"There is such manipulation by the mass media and I like dealing with people and really helping them," she said. She had been fashion consultant for Bonwit Tellers in Boston but decided to return to school.

She received a B.A. in sociology, English and anthropology, and minored in psychology at the University of Vermont. She got her masters degree in English here at St. Michael's.

Aside from teaching at St. Michael's, Thayer has taught summer school courses at Harvard, Concordia and Yale universities. She has taught a variety of courses including fashion, art and costume design for the theatre.

She likes to keep in touch with her art and fashion designing. Two years ago when the "Glass Menagerie" was performed here at St. Michael's, she designed and created the costumes.



Photo by Rob Swanson

Alice Thayer

reign students. She is highly respected and liked, not only as a teacher but as a friend. She becomes personally involved and tries to get to know her students on a one-to-one basis.

"Real education is sharing. It's a communication system where I help them, they help themselves and they help each

"But you don't just communicate with words," she said. "We communicate every minute with body language."

Thayer is always involved with a number of projects and it annoys her to hear anyone say they are bored. "There is so much that can be accomplished," she said.

## SA upholds vote

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that the system must be changed."

Joe Blanco, who was the only candidate who went before the committee, disagreed with the recommendations. "If one student had the ability to vote twice, we will not know if others voted twice." The last thing he wanted to worry about, he said, was if the election was being run correctly.

Bob Heroux countered this, saying the committee found no evidence of anything wrong. "There was a lot of possibilities for something to go wrong," he said, "but the committee had no proof of this."

Brian Rooke, S.A. vice-president, also supported the committee's findings. Calling the group, "an infant group formed out of the parent body," he said these persons were the ones who took responsibility for the investigation.

Heroux then motioned to have the committee's report accepted. The ensuing discussion was fairly circular and debate focused more on the election itself than on the motion on the floor.

When the vote came, 25 persons voted to accept the report.

Rooke added a friendly amendment to Heroux's motion, changing Article VI, Section 2d in the constitution. This was the section that stipulated compliance with state election statutes.

After a 25-15 roll call vote in favor of accepting the report, Marchi and the committee chairmen adjourned for ten minutes.

When he returned, Marchi said he would not call for a reelection. He said, "Forty persons voted and 25 were in favor of the motion. That is roughly 65 percent."





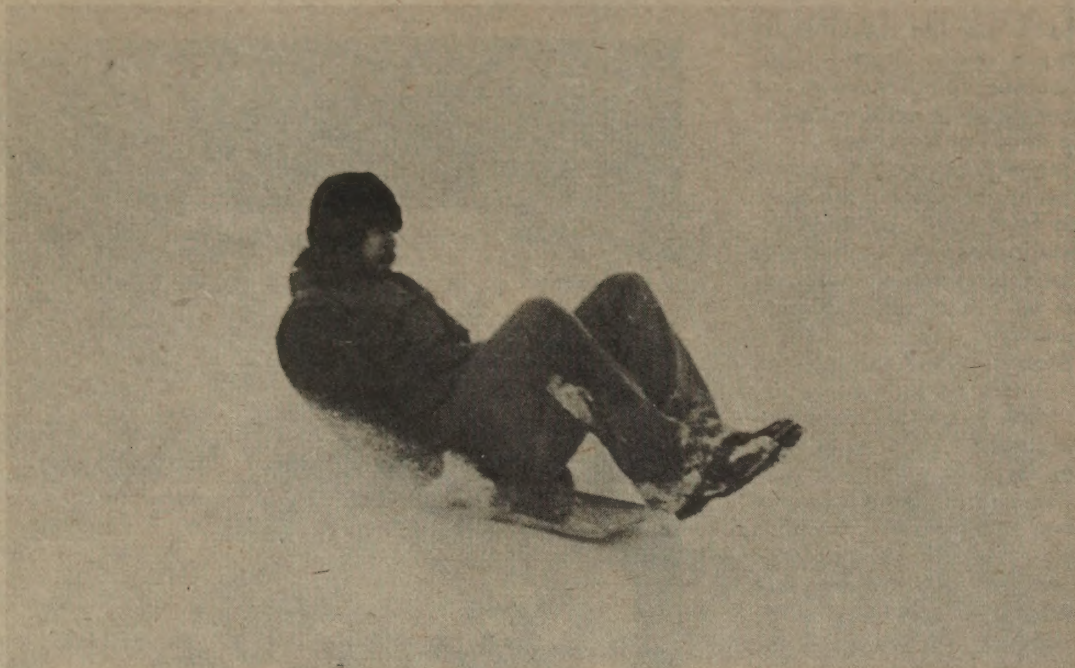


Photo by David Walsh

Two of the popular Winter Weekend activities at Smuggler's Notch included the beer slalom and traying. A Friday night dance opened the weekend. It concluded with a coffeehouse and backgammon tournament Sunday.

## Paper bridges faculty gap

by Liza Carens

A new publication has been introduced on campus to

eliminate the lack of communication between members of the faculty.

*Insight*, edited by Library

Director Joseph T. Popecki, is a three-page paper funded by President Edward L. Henry. It is distributed to the faculty, staff and trustees.

Faculty members often do a lot of things that their colleagues don't know about, Popecki said. "I am trying to keep informed a segment of the college that gets nothing more than the **Michaelman**."

Popecki said he tries not to duplicate the **Michaelman** so both papers may complement each other.

Though Popecki writes most of the articles, he tries to have editorials written by others. He is trying to get persons used to feeding him information and finds most are being fairly cooperative.

Popecki accepts contributions of articles when possible and said he often picks an academic department just to write on.

"I like to write profiles about people," he said. "Especially those who have not had much publicity. I want to introduce people to the campus."

*Insight* is departmentalized, with editorials, people news and usually one lead article. Popecki tries to make sure all faculty and staff members receive a copy so that communication is established between the entire college community.

*Insight* is distributed once a month.

## Basketball leagues dominate intramurals

by Sue Dickinson

In A-league basketball last week, Theta overpowered A-D 66-47. Theta's Thomas earned 20 points as high scorer. Psi defeated FBN, the final score being 71-56. Psi's Fitzpatrick sunk 33 points as top shooter.

Sigma trampled Omega 84-31. Zeta squeezed by Nu 44-42. Zeta's Belt was high scorer with 16 points. Psi soundly defeated Swillers with a score of 67-23.

Theta won against G-E 52-48. Theta's Shepard and G-E's Mazzoleni and McInerney tied for high scorer with 14 points.

Psi upset Zeta, 52-34. Both teams were previously undefeated. High scorer was Jim Peep of Psi with 12 points. A-D lost to Sigma 52-78. Sigma's Phil McGovern with 33 points was high shooter.

Omega beat FBN 48-44; high scorer was Omega's C. MacLeod with 15 points.

At the B-league courts, Zeta lost to Tempo 37-32. Bean's Bombers defeated Somas 43-38 in overtime; Brian McGlynn of Bean's Bombers was top scorer with 27 points.

Gell and Omega double-forfeited. Joyce overpowered Psi 81-59. Joyce's Steve Nagy sunk 27 points as high shooter.

Bangers outplayed Nu 56-36; Bangers' Delmonte scored 19 points. G-E beat I-S 73-48. Mark Kenp of G-E had 20 points as top scorer. Sigma trounced Psi, 97-40 being the final score. High scorer was Sigma's P. Arico, earning 28 points.

Tempo slipped by A-D 34-30. A-D's Keough was top shooter with 17 points. Bean's Bombers narrowly defeated G-E 38-36. G-E's Cronin earned 13 points as high scorer.

Sigma won against I-S 61-43. Again Pat Arico of Sigma was top scorer with 20 points. Omega barely squeezed by Nu 44-42. Omega's Hubregsen was high scorer with 15 points.

Bangers trampled Psi 64-27; Bangers' Pete Weiser was top shooter with 15 points. Joyce defeated Somas 33-14. Sigma beat Bean's Bombers 45-41; Sigma's Pat Arico was high scorer with 18 points. Omega lost to Psi 32-30, and Bangers defeated Soma 44-40. Joyce overpowered G-E 53-31. Top shooter was Nagy from Joyce with 17 points.

Zeta squeezed by Omega 37-35, Greg Manoosh of Omega was top scorer with 14 points. Tempo defeated Gell 51-36. Tempo's McMorow had 22 points for high scorer.

In women's basketball Muchii lost to OJR 16-7; Martha Dame of OJR was high scorer with 6 points. Lambda won by forfeit against Dalton and Omicron forfeited to Kappa. Kappa defeated OJR 30-17. Top shooter with 12 points was Kappa's Mary Davis.

In poly-hockey, Gell forfeited to A-D, Theta forfeited to Psi, and Omega defeated Nu 4-2.

All persons having wraps, crutches, and other items should return them to trainer Zafir Bludevich so others can use them.

## Runners warm-up as season nears

The club track team has begun practicing for meets beginning after vacation.

This is the second year for the team, which ended last year with a 0-3 record.

Men's meets have been scheduled with Norwich, Middlebury and Johnson State, along with the Vermont State meet. The Johnson meet will be held at Rice Memorial High School, Burlington.

Women's meets have been tentatively scheduled with the University of Vermont and Dartmouth, along with the state meet.

Chris Stanton, Paul Taddeo and Ann Noone are this year's captains. Returning seniors include sprinter Stanton and Tad-

deo, a shot putter. Kathy Martin, last year's Vermont State champion in the 440-yard dash for women, is also returning.

Persons interested in the track team should contact Coach Zafir Bludevich, ext. 2504, or go to the gym weekdays at 4 p.m.

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